

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1820

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BROAD GAUGE LINE BETWEEN VILLUPURAM AND DINDIGUL

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has accorded sanction for the doubling of broad gauge line between Villupuram and Dindigul;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the future course of action likely to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): Planning Commission has not accorded 'In Principle' approval to the doubling project.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): The proposal of doubling of Villupuram-Dindigul is not financially viable. Planning Commission has advised to explore possibility of taking up the project with the State Government. Government of Tamil Nadu has been requested to examine and convey their willingness to share atleast 50% cost of the project.